August 18, 2020 thru August 26, 2020



Highway Department

- 06-169-138 (north) on BC 77. Visited site on 08/25/2020 work is being done on Bent 2 for coffer dam, driving pile later this week or earlier next, followed by the cap. The south headwall is formed up and prepared for concrete. Still anticipated early October for the deck pour. 06-169-139 (south), structure is completed. Approach grading is needed.
- Brookings County Road 46 or 209th Street and Brookings County Road 26 or 215th Street under construction with Epoxy Deck seal. Anticipated completion is 08/29/2020.
- The Brookings County Weed department began spraying the cattails with in the County ROW at the beginning of August, 08/19/2020 the Highway Department began mowing down the vegetation that was blocking signs, intersections, and driveways. These areas primarily existed south of Brookings, but have noted other areas as well around the county and we will get to them as we have time.
- 08/17/2020 we began to place shoulder material on Brookings County Road 8 which was part of our 2019 asphalt overlay program, the department has been working with a local pit owner and the Brookings Landfill in order to procure material to complete our shouldering for our overlay program from last year which consists of Brookings County 8 and Brookings County 46. Following we will be beginning work Brookings County 25 which was part of an overlay program in 2011 and 2012 and never received shoulder material.
- Efforts are needed in the short term for a few of our structures around the county that have seen significant erosion due to the extended periods of high water, we are putting a plan together and working with Banner on a priority list of those structures so we can address those issues while the water is low. As Banner continues their inspection program I am sure the list will grow. Although we have found some issues nothing to date has been an emergency.
- 08/24/2020, 2020 Brookings County 2020 Chip Seal Project began to broom the routes for a second time in preparation for fog seal, really hoping for a rain prior to fog seal application so that is what we are waiting for on that process. Following fog seal we will have the SDDOT 80% and County 20% match striping completed on those routes.
- 08/24/2020 I attended the Brookings County AD HOC Drainage Committee meeting.
- 08/24/2020 the department crew has been hauling gravel, various areas around the county. The soft spots in the County gravels have finally started to firm up to allow for placement of gravel. We have been addressing soft spots all spring and summer but there are a lot of thin spots that need attention.
- 08/25/2020 the Department received notification for Letting Authorization for the structure north of Bruce so with Commission approval we would advertise the weeks of September 14 & 21, and open bids on September 29, 2020. The Bid Tabulation and Engineer's Estimate would be presented to the Commission for their recommendation for action on bid proposal on October 6, 2020 to return to the SDDOT.
 - As a side note to this particular structure I have been working with Preston Township officials on maintaining 201st Street which is ½ mile north of the structure while under construction for local traffic, this will not be the official detour. The department has been hauling gravel to this road in order to prepare for construction.
- 08/25/2020 met with Oslo Township Officials for the Culvert Program, they are looking to submit 2 applications so we should see those in future meetings. The township was informed that the work they plan on doing we need to be completed this year in order to receive the funding.
- 08/26/2020 we had the Brookings Fire Department bring a ladder truck out to the Highway Shop to do some work on our roof that has been leaking.



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 25, 2020

TO: Brian Gustad, Highway Superintendent

Brookings County

FROM: Cody Axlund, Bridge Replacement Engineer

Local Government Assistance

SUBJECT: 2020 Bridge Improvement Grant Project

BRF 6295(00)20-8, Brookings County, PCN 07TN

LETTING AUTHORIZATION

The following items have been reviewed, revised, and submitted in final acceptable form: plans, specifications, construction management plan, and construction engineering contract. Brookings County may now proceed with advertising the noted project for bids.

<u>Award of the project cannot be made without prior DOT concurrence</u>. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in forfeiture of the grant funds. Please submit the following items.

- 1. Bid Tabulation
- 2. Engineer's Estimate
- 3. County Commission's recommendation for action on bid proposal

Upon review and approval of the submitted information, an award concurrence letter will be issued after which a contract with the successful bidder may be signed.

Reminder - To receive construction reimbursement, a copy of the signed contract between the county and the contractor must be submitted with the first billing.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 773-3390.

cc: Banner

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